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E.O. 12065: GDS 5/9/88 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P
TAGS: PINS, PINT, KS
SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG URGES END TO MARTIAL LAW,
- ASKS FOR DETAILED POLITICAL TIMETABLE

1. (LOU) SUMMARY: KIM DAE JUNG CALLED ON THE ROKG TO LIFT MARTIAL LAW IMMEDIATELY, LEAVE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND SPELL OUT ITS POLITICAL TIMETABLE. THE ROK MEDIA WERE ALLOWED TO PRINT HIS COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) APPEARING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 9 IN THE ANCIENT SILLA CAPITAL OF KYONGJU, OPPOSITION LEADER KIM DAE JUNG (PROTECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG) CALLED ON THE ROKG TO LIFT MARTIAL LAW IMMEDIATELY AS THE BEST METHOD TO SOLVE THE NATION'S "CURRENT SERIOUS SITUATION". HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE ROKG WAS WORKING ON ITS OWN DRAFT OF A NEW CONSTITUTION AND REMARKED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION BE LEFT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE "INTERIM GOVERNMENT", KIM SAID, SHOULD ANNOUNCE A DETAILED PLAN SPELLING OUT MONTH BY MONTH THE SCHEDULE FOR

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, ELECTIONS, AND THE TRANSFER OF POWER.

3. (LOU) KIM ALSO CRITICIZED THE OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) FOR "GROUNDLESS OPTIMISM" IN ITS VIEW OF ROK POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SAID THE NDP WAS NOT PUSHING HARD ENOUGH ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE FORMATION OF A "NATIONAL CABINET".

4. (U) KIM'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED BY ROK RADIO AND APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF SOME AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS. ALTHOUGH HEADLINES CONCENTRATED ON HIS CALL FOR A POLITICAL TIMETABLE, HIS MARTIAL LAW STATEMENT GENERALLY APPEARED FIRST IN THE ACTUAL REPORT.

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